Surgical Pathway for Patients during COVID19 Pandemic

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Internal Urgent referrals

On decision for surgery, urgent inpatient referrals to move to side room if possible

External Urgent referrals

ADMISSION: Via dedicated Ward - 72 hours before procedure

Elective urgent (From home)

Where possible self-isolate for 7 days prior to admission

- Set of pre op swabs
- CT scan
- Serum LDH
- Normal testing of MRSA etc. to continue
- Follow SOP

SURGICAL PROCEDURE: Theatres
- BAL taken either in Theatre or Critical Care (preferably theatre)

POST OP: Critical Care Green Zone
- Cardiac patients
- Side room in ITU
- where possible to wait for BAL result before moving

POST-OP: Dedicated ward
- Side room where possible
- Where possible to wait for BAL result before moving

Positive COVID patient (unstable) → **Remain in Critical Care Red Zone until stabilised** → **Dedicated Ward red zone or**

Positive COVID patient (stable) → **deidcated Ward red zone or POCCU 3**

Negative COVID patient (unstable) → **Remain in Critical Care Green Zone until stabilised** → **Dedicated Ward**

Negative COVID patient (stable) → **Dedicated Ward**

Negative BAL Result → **Dedicated Ward**

Positive BAL result → **Dedicated Ward red zone or POCCU 3**

If patient develops symptoms:
- isolate in a side room
- review by consultant with ward round within 24 hours
- decision by consultant to swab and possible move

→ **Dedicated Ward**